

SIFTING PETERSON MYSTERY

Countrymen of the Dead Girl Take Part in the Investigation.

JURY INSPECTS THE SCENE OF DEATH

Police Department and Coroner Are Co-operating in Effort to Solve the Extraordinary Death of Mr. Collins' Housekeeper.

The large crowds that attended the Peterson inquest in the rooms of the coroner Thursday afternoon were poorly paid for their trouble, as the witnesses told very little that has not already appeared in the columns of the Bee. Seven witnesses were examined by the coroner, the most important was J. Collins, in whose home the dead woman had been employed, and Drs. Gilbert and Powell, who conducted the post-mortem examination. When the last witness left the stand the inquest was adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

In the expert testimony given by the physicians they expressed the opinion that Mary Peterson had come to her death as the result of blows in the face, or from having fallen and struck her face against some hard substance, causing a concussion of the brain. They had reached the conclusion, they said, as the result of a process of reasoning known as elimination. All the other vital organs of the body were found to be normal, there was no evidence of poisoning and no evidence that the woman had sustained any violence save to the head, so the deduction was that the brain had suffered the injury. Indeed, the condition of the brain, as indicated by the fact that there had been a concussion. It was brought out that it is possible for the human brain to sustain an injury from a blow so severe as to cause death and still leave no traces upon the organ that would be apparent at an autopsy.

The physicians testified that in the natural course of events the woman would have become a mother in about five months, which point was verified by the testimony of Dr. A. F. Jones, who had examined her about two weeks before death.

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The coroner's jury was sworn in shortly after 3 o'clock, and in charge of the coroner and County Attorney Shields and accompanied by Mrs. Collins, the mother of the dead woman, they proceeded to the Collins' home, 1711 Burr street, where the body had been found. The premises were subjected to a rigid inspection. The lock of every door and window was carefully examined. Mr. Collins conducted the party to the east room on the second floor, where he had first seen the dead woman, and pointed out the exact spot where she lay, describing her position, also her location with reference to various articles of furniture. It was observed that the woman's attitude was that of one who had just risen from the rocking chair and while in the act had fallen forward upon the carpet. Had she taken two more steps her head would probably have struck the edge of a table, which stands near the middle of the room. As it was, however, her face could have struck nothing harder than a well-padded Brussels carpet. The stain made by the blood upon the fabric was still in evidence, and Mr. Collins said that the articles of furniture in the room had not been moved since the fatality.

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MME. SEMBRICH

The lady's views in regard to operas and singers and the future. Mme. Sembrich has made her rooms at the hotel Vendôme, in the customary prima donna fashion, she has photographs of her portraits. Royalty usually predominates among the portraits, but Mme. Sembrich has varied this scheme of decoration with some photographs of a more personal nature. These include pictures of her two sturdy young sons, who are now busy at their studies in Dresden.

"They will never be musicians," their mother says, without a trace of regret in her voice, "for they seem to have no talents of that kind. They study music just as other children do, but neither one of them has shown any gift for it."

This is a rather unusual exception to the laws of heredity, as his father is a musician and is a professor at the conservatory in Dresden, where he is now traveling with his wife, Dr. Wilhelm Stengler is his name, and there never was a prima donna's husband on these shores who was enabled, by his beard and spectacles, to present quite so serious an appearance. Mme. Sembrich is a Pole by birth and by training as cosmopolitan as the rest of her profession. She speaks English with some fluency and her accomplishments in the line of languages include German, French and Italian. Besides her native tongue, she is of these is likely to be drawn upon when the most expressive word is sought. Put she is proud of her English and clings to it. In view of the amount of practice she has had her skill in it is considerable.

"Nobody knows how much I regret not to appear here in opera," she said, "but I am in hopes it may be possible at some other time. I hear the Americans like concerns now, and maybe they will like me. I am sure that 'The Barber of Seville' and 'The Daughter of the Regiment' would be popular now if the people ever got a chance to hear them. Personally, I prefer to sing the more popular operas. I like them better than any other in the world. But I suppose that these older operas are really so few singers who can do them justice. I often wonder how the Americans are to come from Italy. There are none for the Italian opera and there are none who will be able to take the place of the singers who have been famous in the Wagner world. Where are the women to come from who will sing the part of Isolde, Theresa, Malten and Rosa Sucher? There is none in Germany. Certainly there is none in Italy."

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MRS. MARY ADAMS IS HELD

Alleged Acid Thrower Must Stand Trial in District Court.

SHE IS BOUND OVER BY POLICE JUDGE

Defendant Asserts She Went to Locust Street Home to Take Her Own Life in Presence of Mr. Adams.

Mrs. Adams, on trial in police court on the charge of dashing sulfuric acid into the face of her former husband, Joseph Adams, declares she went to the Adams home on Locust street the night of February 15 for the purpose of committing suicide in the presence of the man whom she alleges deserted her for a younger woman. This story was told by the accused woman on the witness stand yesterday morning. She denies absolutely that she went to the Adams home to take her own life, but she is bound over by Police Judge Adams to stand trial in the district court.

"I was desperate," the woman answered. "I had a bottle of carbolic acid in my trunk. I intended to throw it into his face. The witness denied that she had ever seen the bottle. "The bottle of carbolic acid," she said, "was a smaller one. I never saw that bottle before. But what were you doing with the revolver you had with you that night?" asked Prosecuting Attorney Elmer Thomas. "I was desperate," the woman answered. "I had a bottle of carbolic acid in my trunk. I intended to throw it into his face. The witness denied that she had ever seen the bottle. "The bottle of carbolic acid," she said, "was a smaller one. I never saw that bottle before. But what were you doing with the revolver you had with you that night?" asked Prosecuting Attorney Elmer Thomas. "I was desperate," the woman answered. "I had a bottle of carbolic acid in my trunk. I intended to throw it into his face. The witness denied that she had ever seen the bottle. "The bottle of carbolic acid," she said, "was a smaller one. I never saw that bottle before. But what were you doing with the revolver you had with you that night?" asked Prosecuting Attorney Elmer Thomas.

"I rode out to the scene of the trouble in the patrol wagon," said Mr. Gilder. "When we got into the vicinity of the Adams home the first thing we saw that looked suspicious was a man prowling about in a long bath-robe and with a big revolver in his hand. He was at the corner of Eighteenth and Locust streets, just a few steps from the Adams home, but he studiously avoided the place. 'What's the matter there,' the patrol conductor asked him. 'There's just been a woman murdered over there,' he replied, 'and I'm looking for the murderer.' 'What's the name of the murderer?' asked Mr. Gilder. 'I don't know, but if you don't watch out, the officer replied, but the best thing you can do is to go home and get to bed.'"

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HYMENEAL

Pardee-White. SLOAN, Ia., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Miss Maud White of Lakeport and Clyde R. Pardee of Sloan were married Wednesday night at the home of the bride's mother by Rev. C. W. Martin of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Urwis-Brobst.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Charles E. Urwis and Miss Susie Brobst were married today and were married by the county judge, returning this evening. The young people are both of this place.

"I have used Foley's Honey and Tar cough medicine and think it is the best in the world," says Chas. Bender, a new dealer of Erie, Pa. Nothing else as good. Also Dillon Drug Co., Omaha, Dillon's drug store, South Omaha.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Mrs. Mary J. Stevens, aged 36 years, wife of D. W. Stevens, died Thursday afternoon at the family residence, South Omaha, at the age of 36 years.

"The following Friday night I determined to find out the truth and drove out to Joe's house. I went in and found the door open and I went around to the back. I wanted to see Joe. So I intended to walk right into the house by the back door. I thought it would be open. Joe and I never locked it."

"I was raised over his head a small hatchet and struck me twice that I remember of. The pain was awful and the blood was all over my face. After that I remember but little. I know I got into the house in some manner. However, I do remember I was suffering intense pain. I remember I walked through the hall to the door of what I supposed was the dining room."

"I thought surely I would die, and I didn't care. Then I remember my husband came and kicked me out the back door, and the next thing I remember of was seeing Captain Hayes as he helped lift me into the patrol wagon."

'FRISCO AND MEMPHIS JOIN

Consolidation of Two Systems Assured by Thursday's Big Purchase.

BOTH TO USE KANSAS CITY TERMINAL

Six Properties Included in the Deal and Several Minor Transactions Are Incidental to It.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 28.—Announcement is made of the purchase of control of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway system by investors who are interested in the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, a transaction which will result in the consolidation of the 'Frisco and Memphis systems. It is said that the majority interest in the Memphis was purchased for the 'Frisco by H. Clay Pierce of St. Louis, J. and W. Seligman & Co., J. Kennedy Todd & Co. and Clair & Co. of New York, banking houses, who are heavily interested in the 'Frisco.

The Memphis and 'Frisco consolidation will make a system with 3,002 miles of railroad, of which the Memphis contributes 1,250 miles. The Memphis extends from Kansas City to Birmingham, Ala., with branch lines in Kansas and Missouri. The 'Frisco has lines from St. Louis and Kansas City and Ellsworth, Kan., into Arkansas and Texas. It was formerly a part of the Santa Fe system. The Memphis properties included in the deal are the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham, the Kansas City, Clinton & Memphis Railway and Bridge company and the Kansas City Belt railroad. The consolidation will give the 'Frisco road use of the valuable Memphis terminals in Kansas City, St. Louis, Indian Territory and Texas. It was formerly a part of the Santa Fe system.

B. L. Winchell, president of the Memphis railroad, who is in Florida, wired the following statement today regarding the deal: "Nothing has been more important for Kansas City commercially than the plan contemplated for unification and enlargement of the Memphis system. The new capital will be available for needed additions to mileage, all of which will largely benefit the Kansas City and the Memphis road. Much valuable additional territory will be opened to Kansas City jobbers and manufacturers. The present organization of the road will be maintained throughout."

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 28.—The sale is to be made on the following basis: Kansas City & Fort Scott preferred stockholders to receive \$10 in cash, common stockholders \$15 in cash and 25 per cent in securities; Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham stockholders, \$50 in cash; income bondholders, 5 per cent; second mortgage bondholders, 4 per cent. It is understood that the exchange of the income bonds is not obligatory. Nathaniel Thayer, chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City & Fort Scott and of the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham roads made known the facts of the agreement today.

He said and shall remain as chairman of the board of directors and Mr. Marri-man will continue as treasurer and Mr. Winchell as president. The general offices will remain in Boston.

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